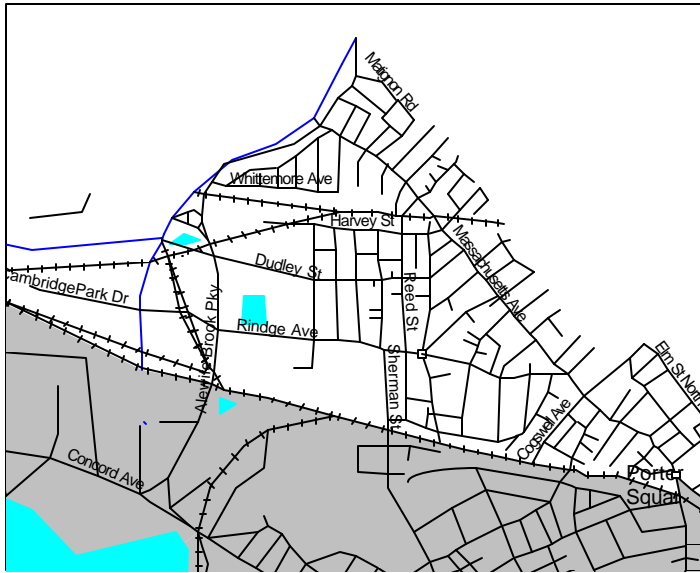
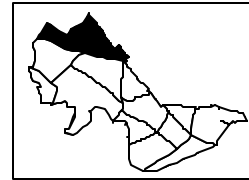


NEIGHBORHOOD 11

NORTH CAMBRIDGE



BOUNDARIES: bordered by the Belmont line, the Arlington Line, the Somerville Line, Porter Square, and the B&M Railroad

POPULATION: 10,642 residents
4,699 households

AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME:
\$31,516

Neighborhood #11 is encompassed in the patrol boundaries of Car 5 (2 officers) and Car 11R (1 officer). It also includes walking routes 11A, 11B, 11C, and 11D.

COMPARISON OF 2ND Q. TARGET CRIME STATISTICS, 1999 - 2003

CRIME	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Housebreaks	14	13	12	32	24
Street Robbery	5	3	3	4	11
Auto Theft	22	18	14	20	14
Larceny from MVs	28	21	27	34	35
Malicious Destruction	61	41	68	58	56
Drug Arrests	6	4	8	5	5

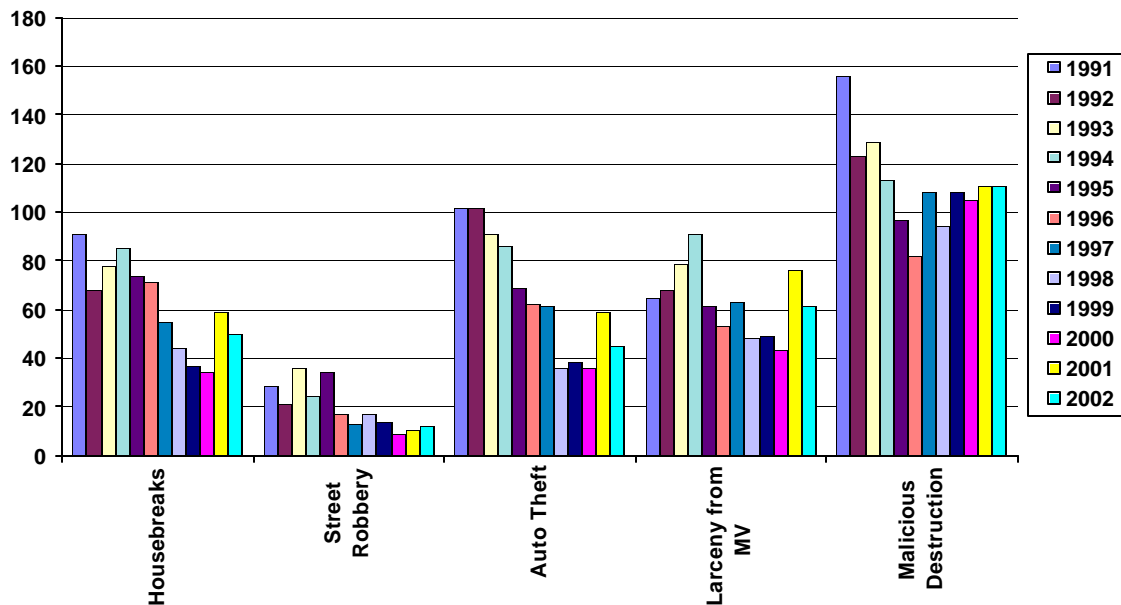
2003 SECOND QUARTER IN REVIEW

Housebreaks are down from last year, but still much higher than the average for the last four years. No major patterns emerged, however multiple breaks were reported on Rice Street in late April – early May. On April 30th, two apartments were broken into in the area of Rice Street and Mass. Ave. The breaks occurred around 2:30 a.m. and laptops were taken in both incidents. On May 2nd two more Rice Street apartments were broken into between 1:00 a.m. and 5:30 a.m. Entry was gained in the first break through an open window and various video game accessories were stolen. Two bikes were taken in the second break. • **Street robberies** increased significantly in the second quarter of 2003. No patterns were reported, but incidents were concentrated early in the week between 6:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. Five of the street robberies involved the use of a weapon. The most serious incident involved two suspects approaching a victim, who was sitting in his own vehicle. The first suspect approached the driver's side of the car, holding a handgun. The suspect hit the victim and dragged him out of the car while the second suspect searched the victim's vehicle for valuables. • No **auto theft** patterns were reported. • The **larceny from motor vehicle** total was fueled by a spree of five incidents reported on March 29th between 1:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. Honda Accords parked in the vicinity of Fairfield Street were targeted in each incident. Various items were stolen, however, car stereos were a popular item. In one break a jack was stolen from one car and was then used on another car to prop the car up and steal the tires. • **Larcenies from motor vehicles** were heavily concentrated between the 300 and 400 blocks of Rindge Avenue. Sixteen of the thirty-five incidents occurred on Rindge Avenue. Most of the incidents involved damage to cars, specifically scratches in paint and smashed windows. Incidents typically occurred overnight during the week. • Two of the **drug arrests** were made subsequent to searches of persons arrested for other offenses, two were the result of investigations by the Special Investigations Unit, and one was the result of a complaint made by a parent upon finding marijuana in her son's room.

NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

North Cambridge has the third highest population in the city. Its residences include a public housing development (Jefferson Park/Jackson Place) and the towering Fresh Pond Apartments. Within its confines are three major public parks (Rindge Field, Russell Field, and Linear Park), the bustling Porter Square, and the Alewife MBTA Station. Dozens of commercial establishments line Massachusetts Avenue. As with Mid-Cambridge, its elevated crime rate reflects its high residential and commercial population.

- **Housebreak** patterns tend to occur during the summer months. Incidents are scattered quite liberally throughout the neighborhood's residential population. Each year, the Crime Analysis Unit identifies two or three North Cambridge residential burglary patterns. North Cambridge's housebreak totals have decreased since the 1980s, but did not really start rolling downward until 1996.
- **Street robberies** have traditionally been problematic in Russell Field, Linear Park, and around the Alewife MBTA Station. In the most common scenario, local (Cambridge or Somerville) youths will form packs and strong-arm victims walking in these areas late at night. The packs may brandish knives or the occasional handgun. This type of crime has diminished greatly, however, in the past three years.
- **Auto theft** strikes Rindge Avenue (and particularly the Fresh Pond Apartments) in heavy numbers all year round. The related crime of **larceny from motor vehicles** is reported less frequently.



ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR NORTH CAMBRIDGE AREA TARGET CRIMES					
Crime	1981-1990	Rank 81-90*	1991-2000	Rank 91-00*	Rank 2002*
Housebreaks	100	6	64	3	4
Street Robbery	30	5	22	3	7
Auto Theft	130	5	69	4	5
Larceny from MVs	105	6	62	6	5
Malicious Destruction	125	4	111	2	4

*Ranks are out of 13 neighborhoods, with 1 indicating the highest crime rate and 13 the lowest